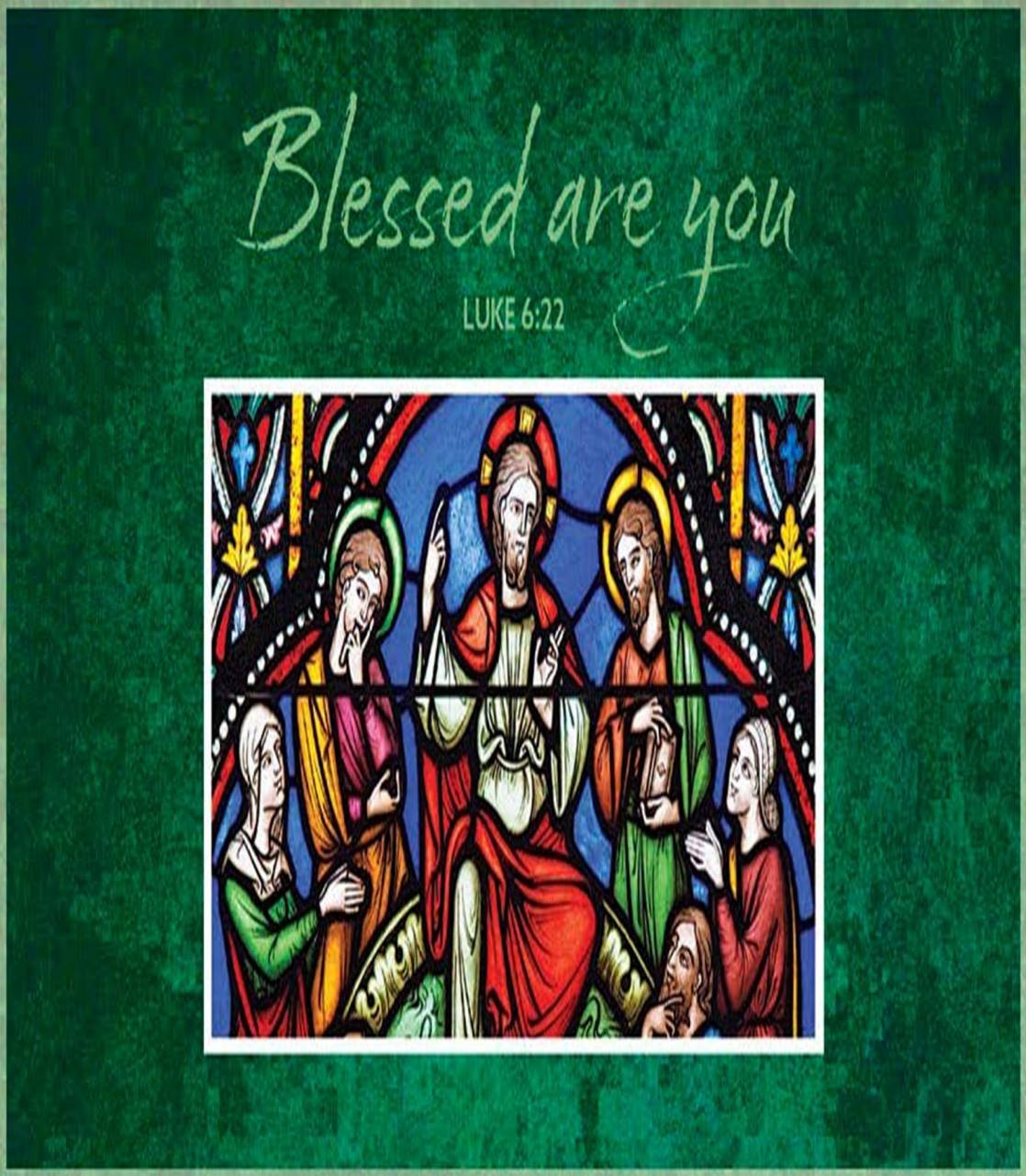



**Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI**
**February 16, 2025 – 6th Sunday after Epiphany**
**New Member Sunday**

*Worship Key*
*P: Pastor*
*A: Assisting Ministers*
***C: Congregation***

## PRELUDE

# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Blessed are those who trust - in God!
**C: We come in trust, to be grounded in God's love.**
P: Blessed are those who hope - in God!
**C: We come in hope, trusting in the One who gives us life.**
P: Blessed are those who delight - in God's Word!
**C: We come to hear God speak, hoping for healing and joy.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.
**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

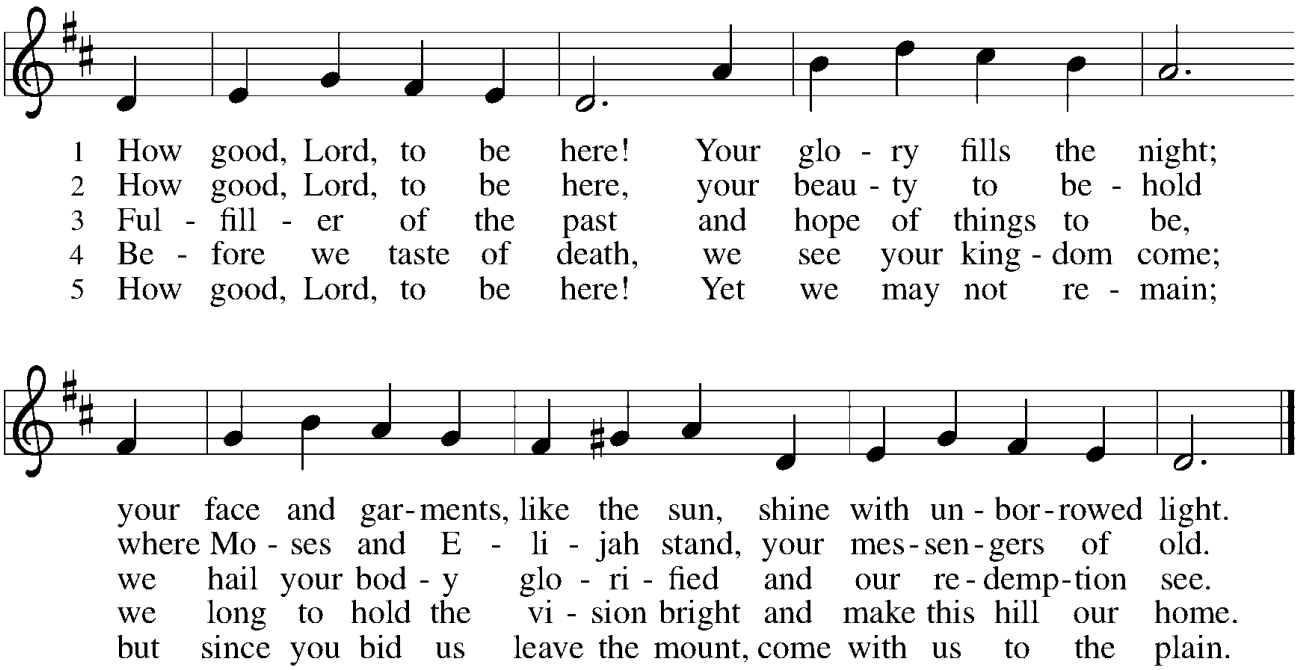
**C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ✝ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

**C: Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN ELW 315

*"How Good, Lord, to Be Here!"*


1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

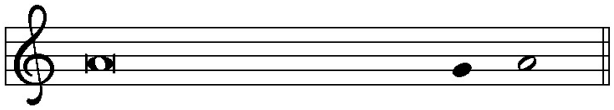
Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.
Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

## GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

# KYRIE



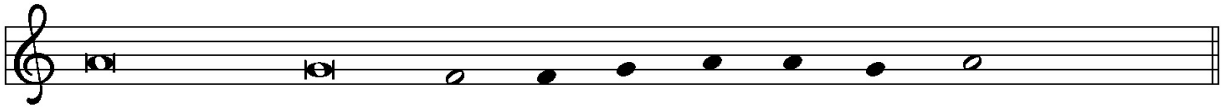
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

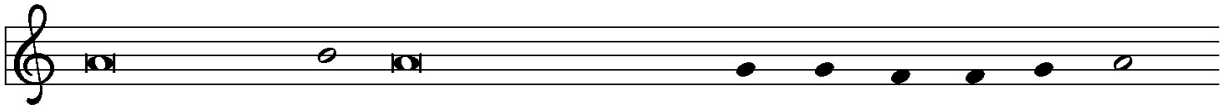
**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

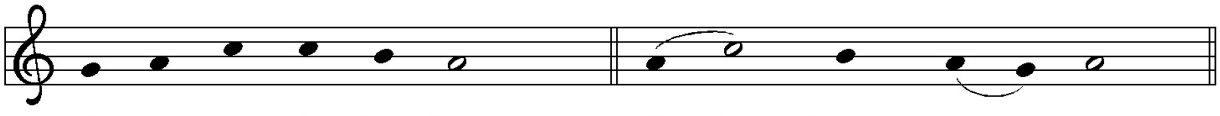


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

P: Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

**C: Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10

*These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.*

A: A reading from Jeremiah.

5 Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD.
6 They shall be like a shrub in the desert and shall not see when relief comes.
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.
7 Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.
8 They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.
9 The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—
who can understand it?
10 I the LORD test the mind and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 1

*They are like trees planted by streams of water. (Ps. 1:3)*

P: [1] Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
**C: [2] Their delight is in the law of the LORD,**
**and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**
P: [3] They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.
**C: [4] It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
P: [5] Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
**C: [6] For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,**
**but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

*For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.*

A: A reading from First Corinthians.

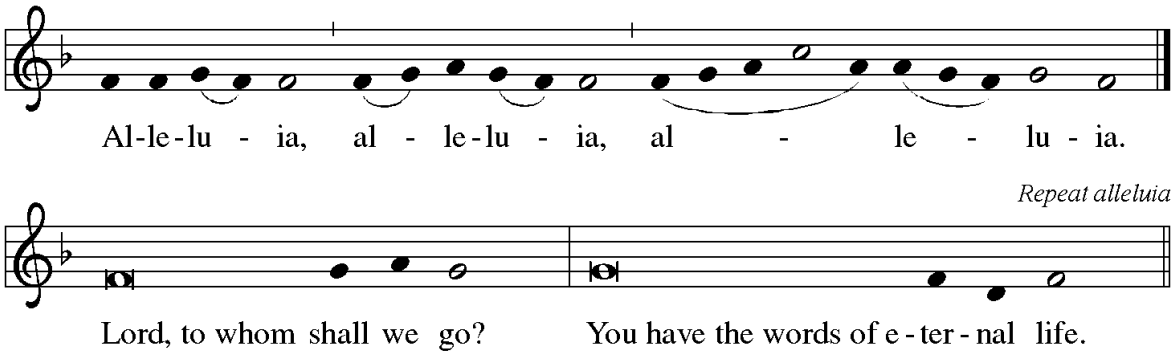
[12] Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? [13] If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised, [14] and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain and your faith is in vain. [15] We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. [16] For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. [17] If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. [18] Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. [19] If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

[20] But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*




## GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26

*After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.*

P: The Gospel according to Luke.
**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

17 Jesus came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place with a great crowd
of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the
coast of Tyre and Sidon. 18 They had come to hear him and to be healed of their
diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. 19 And
everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and
healed all of them.
20 Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God. 21 "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you
will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.
22 "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you,
and defame you on account of the Son of Man. 23 Rejoice on that day and leap for
joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated
the prophets.
24 "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.
25 "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are
laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 26 "Woe to you when all speak well of
you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME — Rev. Joshua Rinas

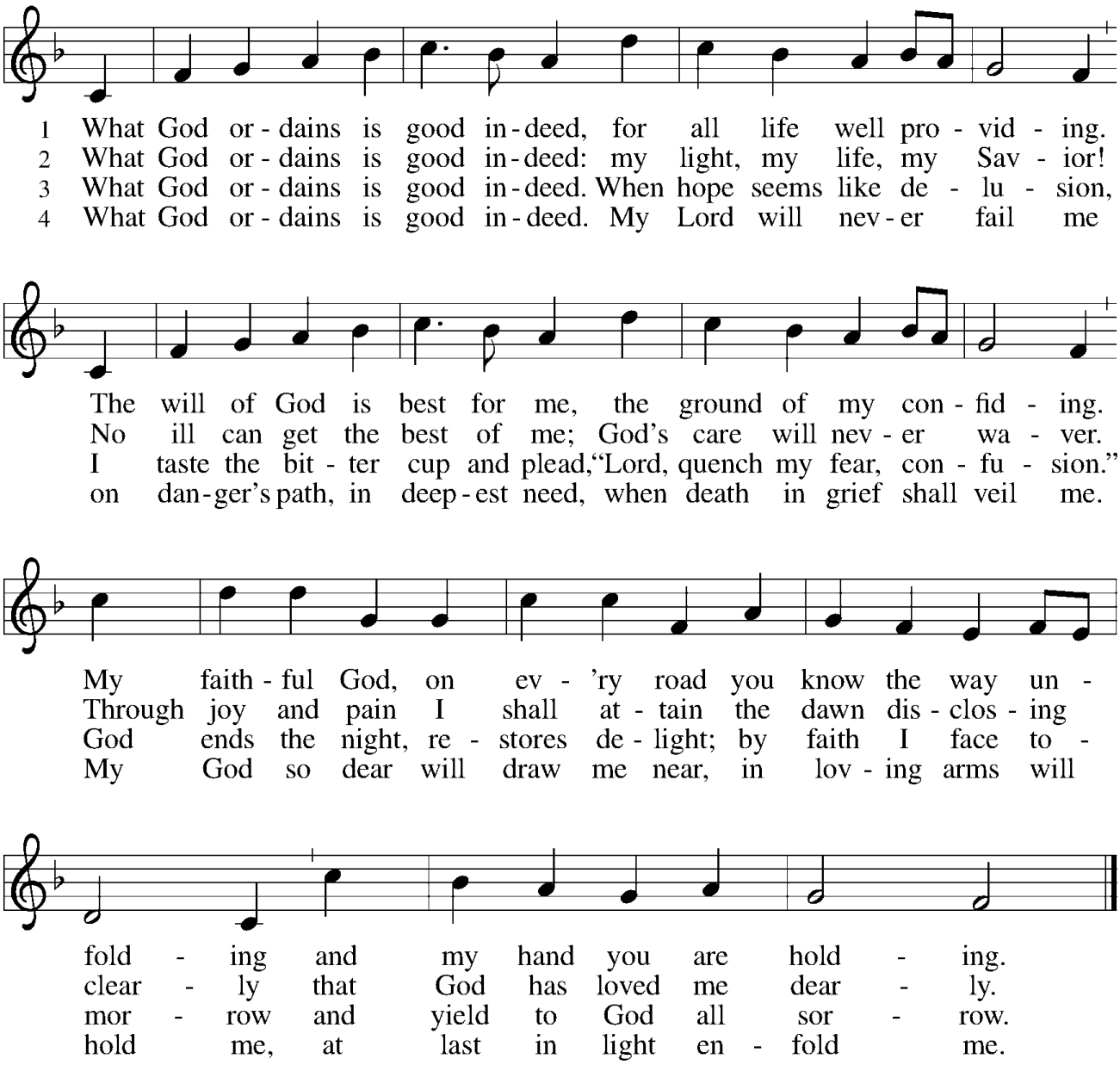
*A special message for children.*

## SERMON — Rev. Joshua Rinas

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY — ELW 776

*"What God Ordains Is Good Indeed"*


1 What God or - dains is good in - deed, for all life well pro - vid - ing.
2 What God or - dains is good in - deed: my light, my life, my Sav - ior!
3 What God or - dains is good in - deed. When hope seems like de - lu - sion,
4 What God or - dains is good in - deed. My Lord will nev - er fail me
The will of God is best for me, the ground of my con - fid - ing.
No ill can get the best of me; God's care will nev - er wa - ver.
I taste the bit - ter cup and plead,"Lord, quench my fear, con - fu - sion."
on dan - ger's path, in deep - est need, when death in grief shall veil me.
My faith - ful God, on ev - 'ry road you know the way un -
Through joy and pain I shall at - tain the dawn dis - clos - ing
God ends the night, re - stores de - light; by faith I face to -
My God so dear will draw me near, in lov - ing arms will
fold - ing and my hand you are hold - ing.
clear - ly that God has loved me dear - ly.
mor - row and yield to God all sor - row.
hold me, at last in light en - fold me.

Text: Samuel Rodigast, 1649–1708; tr. Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951
Music: WAS GOTT TUT, Severus Gastorius, 1646–1682
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## WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO THE CONGREGATION

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

*New members are introduced: Connor Ashley, Pam Bell, Fred Hoitash, Jake Zachrich*

## APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,**
**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;**
**he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again;**
**he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**
**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,**
**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**
**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

## ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

*The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.*

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

*Those being welcomed respond.*

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

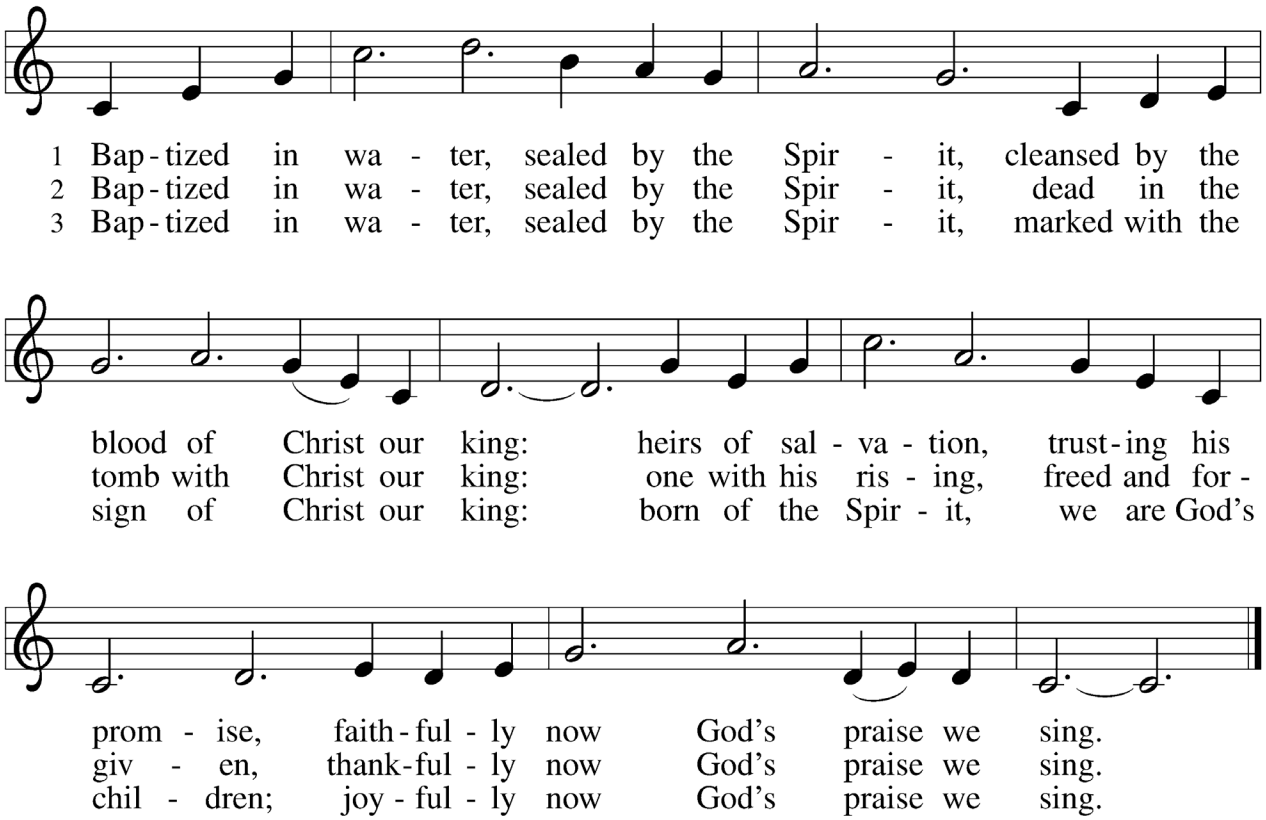
## WELCOME

*Those being welcomed face the assembly.*

A: Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith. **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## HYMN ELW 456

*"Baptized in Water"*


1 Bap-tized in wa-ter, sealed by the Spir-it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa-ter, sealed by the Spir-it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa-ter, sealed by the Spir-it, marked with the
blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal-va-tion, trust-ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris-ing, freed and for-
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir-it, we are God's
prom-ise, faith-ful-ly now God's praise we sing.
giv-en, thank-ful-ly now God's praise we sing.
chil-dren; joy-ful-ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Saward, b. 1932
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune
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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: Blessed is your church transformed by your Spirit. Give us courage to proclaim to all people the promises made true in the death and resurrection of Christ. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Blessed is creation. As earth experiences destruction from harmful practices and climate change, give us courage to help bring about its restoration. Encourage those who work in forestry to be a voice for the hidden places of creation and provide skills for its conservation. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: We give you thanks for our new members, Connor, Pam, Fred, and Jake, whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others.

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Blessed are the nations. We pray for presidents, prime ministers, and leaders of nations. Grant that their courage will not run dry in the face of challenge, but that they will delight in the fountain of your righteousness. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Blessed are those in need. Give to all facing illness wise and caring doctors, nurses, and therapists. Draw close to those who feel far from you or who are suffering in any way especially John, Corky, Lynn, Vicki, Ruth, Judy, Linda, Mary Beth, Eric, Steve, and Shane. Provide an extra measure of your grace and love. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Blessed is this congregation. Like a tree planted by streams of water, we are nourished by faith in you. Provide courage in times that feel dry, trusting that you sustain us in many ways. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: For what else does this congregation pray? Prayers may be said aloud, typed into the live chat box, or silently in your hearts…

*Brief Pause for the congregation to respond.*

A: Blessed are those saints who now rest in your peace. Through lives of both sorrow and joy, challenge and triumph, they provide witness of faith in all times. May their lives be a witness to the living. God of grace,
**C: hear our prayer.**

A: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.
**C: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

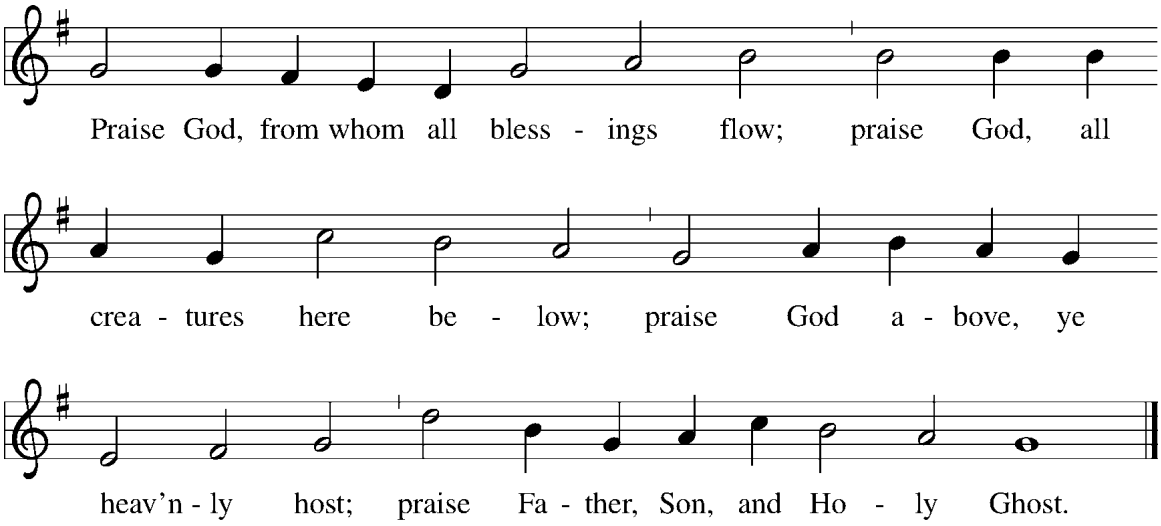
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
**C: And also with you.**

# MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING

## OFFERING HYMN – *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*


Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

**C: Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

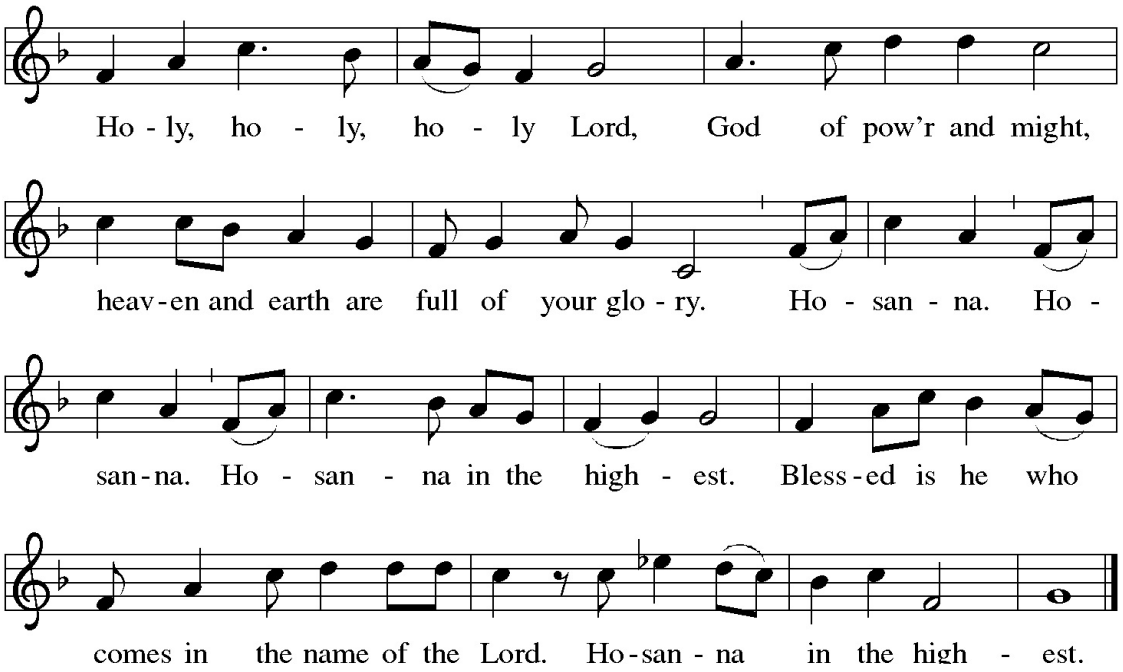
**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy God, mighty and merciful, your people praise you, saying:
**C: Your mercy endures forever.**

P: By your promise you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures, granting them life and calling them to flourish, setting the sign of your bow in the clouds, the colors of your love and faithfulness.
**C: Your mercy endures forever.**

P: By your promise you bound yourself to your people of old, blessing them with family outnumbering the stars and calling them to be a blessing to others, showing them steadfast love in every generation and calling them to be a light to the nations.
**C: Your mercy endures forever.**

P: By your promise you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved, grafting us into your living Vine, and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: With this bread and cup we remember his life laid down and lifted up as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and wine. Bless us to be a blessing. Make us a sign of your faithfulness. Send us to tend and cherish the earth and to serve the world with mercy and love.

With all the saints in light, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus, in your Spirit, now and forever.
**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.*

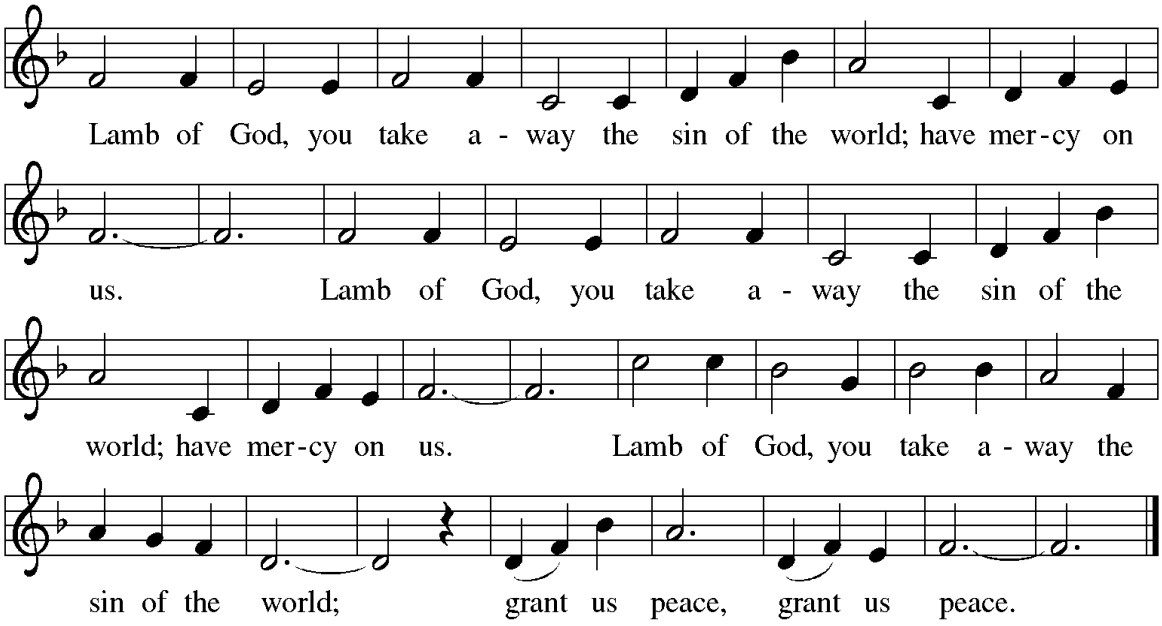
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,**
**thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,**
**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**
**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,**
**forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

## LAMB OF GOD CANTICLE


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948
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## COMMUNION

**COMMUNION HYMN** - *"Since I Laid My Burdens Down"*
Led by the Emmanuel Chancel Choir (Please join in singing)

*Glory, Glory Hallelujah*
*Since I laid my burdens down*
*Glory, Glory Hallelujah*
*Since I laid my burdens down*

I'm feeling better, - so much better
Since I laid my burdens down

[*refrain*]

Friends don't treat me - like they used to
Since I laid my burdens down

[*refrain*]

I'll be goin' home - to be with Jesus
Since I laid my burdens down

[*refrain*]

I feel like shoutin' - Hallelujah
Since I laid my burdens down

[*refrain*]

The words from this African American gospel song reflect on our burdens -- giving them up, casting them off, or laying them down. A burden is a load, something we bear or carry. An illness, our worries, our hardships. Even anger and jealousy that we may feel could be considered a burden because they weigh down our spirit. All burdens aren't bad and some we choose to bear out of a sense of duty. Indeed, we sometimes shoulder a burden to help someone else in need.
Matthew chapter 11 is about the words of Jesus saying, "come to me all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Psalm 55 says "cast your burden on the Lord and he will sustain you."

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.
**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.
**C: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## BLESSING

P: The Spirit of the triune God
☩ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.
**C: Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN ELW 576

*"We All Are One in Mission"*

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.
A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955
Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune
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## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Live in hope.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome! If this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex (Lobby), we would love to connect with you.**
*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!
*Children's bulletins available, please see an usher.
*Printed copies of the Newsletter are in the magazine holder in the Narthex.
**Christ in Our Home* devotionals (January - March) can be found in the Narthex.
*Hand Sanitizers can be found in the Narthex and hanging at the end of the pews.

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**Please remember to wear your Name Tag**
It's a help for visitors and folks you may not have seen for a while. If you need a new Name tag, please let Jennifer know.

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**New Member Sunday**
We are happy to welcome Connor Ashley, Fred Hoitash, Pam Bell and Jake Zachrich to the Emmanuel family!

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**2025 Altar Flower Sign-up**
The 2025 Altar flower sign-up has been put up on the bulletin board outside the office. **Please sign-up for your date and turn in the form and monies in the offering plate or office mailbox.** Thank you!

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**Annual Meeting & Potluck – TODAY!**
Those who are confirmed, who contribute recorded financial gifts each year (loose plate offerings are not recorded), and who commune at least once per year (3 C's - confirmed, contribute, and commune) are welcome to vote. If you do not meet the criteria of the 3 C's, you are welcome to attend but not to cast a vote on the issues presented. If you have any questions about the annual meeting please see Peter Walline, Council President.

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**Let's Go Out to Eat!**
The Membership Committee would like to invite you to a meal and conversation on Tuesday, February 18th at 5pm at Aubree's in Depot Town – located at 39 E. Cross St. Ypsilanti, MI. This is a social event for people to get to know each other better. If you have a friend who you'd like to bring who isn't a member at Emmanuel, they're more than welcome!

**Scout Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper**

*What:* Fat Tuesday, March 4th Pancake Supper
*Cost:* $10/adult and $7/kids (under 13)
*Tickets:* No need for advanced sales, tickets can be bought at the door when you arrive.
*Where:* In the Emmanuel Basement
*Serving:* 5:30pm till 7:00pm
*Menu:* Pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee, milk, juice, etc…

**Giving Tree**

The Giving Tree is making an earlier appearance in 2025 as the Clothes Closet begins a focus on individuals/groups within Emmanuel that need our assistance. Paul, Emmanuel's custodian will again be making a mission trip in June to the Dominican Republic. Paul has traveled many times with Hope International Ministries and says there are around 250 people traveling to the Dominican Republic this summer.

The Clothes Closet Giving Tree will be up in February and March to accept all donations of toothbrushes and toothpaste (any brand or size). Ask your dentist's office if they are willing to donate any toothbrushes or toothpaste! Please bring your donation in before March 30 and help decorate the Giving Tree!

**A reminder from the Membership committee**

We have replenished the supply of Blessing Bags with items to help our friends in need during this winter cold, hats, gloves, hand warmers, personal items, and snacks.
Please take a moment and pick up a bag or two (men's are blue, women's are red) from outside the office, and pass them along to someone less fortunate than we are. Be a blessing to someone in need. Thank you.

**Ireland's Road to Independence**

Dr. Don Grover (He and His wife Karen, who is a member at Emmanuel) would like to invite you to a presentation he will be giving at the Ann Arbor City Club Thursday, March 6th on "Ireland's road to independence".

Cocktails at 4:30pm
Dinner at 5:00pm
And Presentation after dinner.

I am unsure of the cost, you would need to call the Ann Arbor City Club (734-662-3279). RSVP deadline is February 28th by noon.

**Ways to Give:** Giving can be done online by clicking here. Or mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.
**Text to Give:** Text 734-548-9438. Simply text the amount you would like to give and follow the prompts.
**Paypal:** Select payment type "Friends and Family" using emmanuelypsi@gmail.com. Please indicate account (general fund, flowers, memorials, etc.) where it says add message.
**Mobile App:** Download the Vanco Payments Mobile app for free from Google Play. In the app, select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

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ASH WEDNESDAY
SCHEDULE
Ashes To Go
7-9am | St. Luke's Episcopal | 120 N. Huron
9:30-11:30am | Emmanuel Lutheran | 201 N. River
1-3:30pm | Emmanuel Lutheran | 201 N. River
A Collaboration of First Presbyterian, Ypsi First United Methodist, Emmanuel Lutheran, & St. Luke's Episcopal Churches in Downtown Ypsilanti
ASH WEDNESDAY
SCHEDULE
Noon Services
With Communion | St. Luke's Episcopal | 120 N. Huron
Without Communion | Emmanuel Lutheran | 201 N. River
Combined Communion Service with All Four Churches
7pm | First Presbyterian | 300 N. Washington

# This Week at Emmanuel

**Sunday, February 16 – 6th Sunday after Epiphany**
**New Member Sunday**

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- Chancel Choir 9:30am
- **Worship 10:00am**
- **CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK**
- Bethel Service 12:00pm
- Scouts 6:00pm

**Tuesday, February 18**

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 10:30am
- Refresh Committee 11:30am – 1:00pm
- Food Gatherers delivery
- "Let's Go Out to Eat" 5:00pm @Aubree's Depot Town

**Wednesday, February 19**

- Clothes Closet 9:00am – 10:30am
- Quilting 11:00am – 1:00pm
- **Bible Study 12:30pm – 2:00pm**
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- AA Meeting 8:00pm – 9:00pm

**Thursday, February 20**

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am
- YCC 7:00pm – 9:00pm

**Friday, February 21**

- NA Meeting 6:00pm – 8:00pm

**Sunday, February 23 – 7th Sunday after Epiphany**

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm
- Bethel Service 12:00pm
- Scouts 6:00pm

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our mother Joan McEvoy's 97th heavenly birthday, and in a spirit of love for all mankind on this Valentine's Day.
Given by Monica and Dennis Doerr

**For those with young children:** Emmanuel's "Pray-Ground," located at the front of the church, was established as a positive, welcoming experience for children in church. Many churches have begun using this feature, which gives small children a space to squirm, quietly play with soft toys, books, and do arts and crafts. Parents may want to sit nearby to accompany children, but don't worry about noise—worship leaders have microphones! We encourage everyone with little ones to give this a try.

**Prayers requested for:** John, Corky, Lynn, Vicki, Ruth, Judy, Linda, Mary Beth, Eric, Steve, and Shane.

**Assisting Ministers Needed!**
Sign up on the sheet outside the office or call the office; Or through sign-up genius. Assisting Ministers - Click here or Scan QR code

**Links:**
Livestream Worship - https://www.youtube.com/@emmanuelypsi
Giving Online - Online donation
Clothes Closet - ClothesCloset@emmanuelypsi.org
Food Pantry - FoodPantry@emmanuelypsi.org

**Serving in Worship:**
*Interim Pastor*..... *Rev. Joshua Rinas*
*Minister of Worship Music*..... *David Meitzler*
*Minister of Choral Conducting*..... *Jamie Gallupe*
*Assisting Minister*..... *Monica Doerr*

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Or call us at 734-482-7121 Or @emmanuelypsi on Facebook